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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 15 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on Wednesday, 15 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

1. A group consisting of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0845 hours, and at 1025 hours it arrived at the Mahawil stores belonging to the Qa'qa' State Enterprise. The group inspected quantities of the explosive RDX and weighed some of the cases for the purpose of verifying them. The group completed its assignment on 0130 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1245 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours, and at 0950 hours it arrived at the State Enterprise for Mechanical Industries at Iskandariyah. The purpose of the visit was to verify the quantities of aluminium tubes received. The group then proceeded to the Mu'tazz Centre, for the same purpose, and then to the Qa'qa' State Enterprise and verified aluminium tubes. The group photographed the interior of the company's main building.

3. A third group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0847 hours, and at 0943 hours it arrived at the Hittin State Enterprise. The group inspected the stores of HMX and RDX and weighed and checked these substances. The group completed its assignment at 1157 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1330 hours.

II. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary team 10

At 0900 hours, after all the inspection teams had left the Canal Hotel and without notifying the Iraqi side, five cars carrying 17 inspectors, having with them Mr. Demetrius Perricos, the Director of Operations of UNMOVIC, started out from the Canal Hotel. Fortunately, there were two cars belonging to the National Monitoring Directorate near the Canal Hotel, and they escorted the team's motorcade. The team changed its course more than once within Baghdad city for the purpose of eluding the escorts, which caused a traffic jam in the city, and the Iraqi escorts had great difficulty catching up with the team. In the end, the team arrived at 0951 hours in the Tashri' quarter near the Republican Palace, in an obvious provocative move intended to cause trouble at important sites related to national security and not, either closely or remotely to so-called "disarmament", previous programmes or the ongoing monitoring. The team inspected a group of buildings comprising administrative premises and also requested the opening of iron cabinets located in one of these buildings and inspected them. The inspection operation was completed at 1325 hours.

III. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A group consisting of 15 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0837 hours, and at 0905 hours it arrived at a privately owned farm in the Dawrah farming area located on the Tigris river south of Baghdad. The farm belongs to an Iraqi citizen and contains four chicken runs and storage sheds containing chicken feed. The owner of the farm was not present, and the keys to some of the storage sheds were with his agent. The group then tagged the locked doors until such time as the keys became available. The group then returned to the Canal Hotel. The keys became available after the owner's agent was contacted. The team was then contacted, and it set out again, removed the tags and checked the contents of the storage sheds and the buildings used for the chickens. The group completed its assignment 1650 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1720 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0740 hours, and at 0920 hours it arrived at Anbar University in Anbar governorate. The group inspected the Faculty of Sciences, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Girls' Education and the Faculty of Medicine. During its inspection, the group asked about the departments within those faculties, the number of persons holding doctorates in the Department of Life Sciences and the number of students taking advanced studies. The group completed its assignment on 1340 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1600 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

A team consisting of three inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0835 hours. The team inspected the Khan Sari Stores, the Nasr al-Azim State Enterprise and the Sa'd State Enterprise, all sites belonging to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) and located west of Baghdad. The purpose of the visit was to check and follow up the use of inconel sheets and tubes used in the construction of small refineries. The team completed its assignment at 1225 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

V. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

A team consisting of 13 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours, and at 0910 hours it arrived at the Amin plant, a subsidiary of the Rashid State Enterprise, which comes under MIC. The plant is located in the Amiriyah/Fallujah area 70 km west of Baghdad. The team inspected the plant's departments and workshops and asked the manager about its production capacity. The team then proceeded to the Rashid State Enterprise in order to check one of the contracts. The team proceeded to the Military Engineering College in Baghdad in order to check a piece of machinery. The team completed its assignment and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1435 hours.

VI. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) team

At 0800 hours, five aircraft belonging to UNMOVIC and carrying 13 inspectors took off from the Rashid airfield and arrived at 1000 hours at military sites and munitions stores north of Tikrit. The team inspected the site and checked some of the tagged equipment at one of them. The team completed its assignment at 1430 hours, took off at 1500 hours and arrived back at the Rashid airfield at 1640 hours.

VII. Remarks

The number of sites visited by the various inspection teams totalled 16, with 68 inspectors taking part in the inspection activities.